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Councilmember Atkins and North Park Library Task Force To Hold Community Forum November 1

Public To Offer Input On Services For New District Three Flagship Library

Councilmember Toni Atkins and the North Park Library Task Force will host a community forum to explore programming needs for the planned 25,000 square foot District Three flagship library to be located in North Park.

The forum will be held Saturday morning, November 1, from 9:00 to 11:00am, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, located at 30th Street and Howard Avenue.

The North Park Library Task Force is looking for community input on the types of library services that should be provided at the new North Park branch library, which will serve as the flagship library for the entire district. Consideration will be given to how much space should be devoted to services such as computer labs, children's reading areas, community meeting space, books, videos and music.

"This is a perfect opportunity for residents to offer their opinions about what services and amenities the District Three flagship library should provide," said Councilmember Atkins. "If you like to use public libraries—as I know many of our residents do—then this is the perfect time to get involved in the planning process for this great facility. This will truly be a people-driven policy, so the public really can have a profound impact on this project."

It is anticipated that site acquisition for the new library will take place in mid-2004, with design work beginning later that year. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2007 and be completed in the fall of 2008. The North Park Library Task Force is currently considering potential locations for the library.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the planning forum. For more information, please contact Stephen Hill in Councilmember Atkins' office at 619/236-6633.